amount. In the malnad, the condition of roads was very bad and the District Boards had no money to improve them. If these roads had to be improved at all, a portion of the railway cess fund would have to be utilised.

Secondly, he said that for District Board elections there was no restriction as in municipal elections that a candidate seeking election from a certain locality should have been residing in that locality for at least six months prior to the election. The absence of such a clause had resulted in people from cities and towns getting elected as presidents and vice-presidents of the District Boards, much to the prejudice of the interests of people in rural parts. To get over this defect, it should be made a rule that only those living in the particular areas for some time prior to the elections, should stand for election to District Boards.

In regard to the income from shandies, he was of opinion that it should go exclusively to the District Boards.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY said that the railway cess fund should be utilised only for railway extensions, and if this was not possible, the levy of the cess should be discontinued. The fund should on no account be diverted for any other purpose.

The DEWAN said that motor buses had taken the place of railways and diversion of the cess funds for purposes of road improvements could by no means be objectionable.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA said that the proposal of the Kadur District Board was to permit them to utilise for road improvement purposes only the interest earned on the cess fund and that there was no proposal to deplete the corpus of the fund.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY said that the raiyats would not agree to the diversion of even the interest on the fund for non-railway purposes. If they came to know that all programmes of railway extension were given up, they would no longer agree to pay the cess. Instead, therefore, of giving up such programmes and using up the available funds for other purposes, he would much rather that the cess was levied in future also, railway development being taken up as and when convenient.

Mr. MEER MAHOMED SAHIB, agreeing in this view, suggested that the clause relating to this matter be definitely deleted from the bill.

Mr. SYED MOHIYUDDIN HUSSAIN said that he would much rather allow diversion of the education cess fund for road improvement than that of the railway cess fund or even the interest for that purpose. People were continuing to pay the cess in the hope that they would get railway facilities some day or other and there would be no justification in District Boards utilising it for road improvement.

The House rose at 5 p.m. to meet again at 12 of the clock the following day.

FOURTH DAY.

Friday, 11th October 1935.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—
(contd.)

Thippaganahalli Project in Goribidnur Taluk.

Q.—17. Messrs. R. P. RAJANNA and **G. VENKATASWAMI GOWDA** (Goribidnur Taluk).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) do they propose to undertake immediately the construction of the "Thippaganahalli project" in Goribidnur Taluk;

(*b*) if so, are the estimates and the plan ready in that connection;

(*c*) how long will it take for completion of this work?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) Alternative estimates are under preparation

(*c*) It depends on the funds that can be made available for the work.

Mr. R. P. RAJANNA.—When do the Government expect to take up the project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—As soon as funds become available. We will consider it in connection with the next budget.

Mr. R.P. RAJANNA.—With reference to answer to (*b*), is the alternative estimate ready now?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes. The revised estimate comes to Rs. 2,50,000 as against the previous estimate of Rs. 1,90,000.

Mr. R. P. RAJANNA.—Has it come to your knowledge that tenders were called for about 3 years back for this work, but that it was kept in abeyance pending the receipt of sanction from the Madras Government?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The main reason why the work has not been taken up is paucity of funds. We have also obtained the sanction of the Madras Government.

Mr. H. K. MADIAH.—Are there not also several other projects under contemplation in other parts of the State?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—There are.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—When the Dewan toured the Kolar District, some projects were promised. Has any action been taken to implement those promises?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Due to financial stringency, we could not take them up. We shall take them up as soon as possible.

Money-lending Business of Marvadis, Gujaratis and Punjabis.

Q.—21. Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA (Bowringpet Municipality).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) what is the number of Marvadis, Gujaratis and Punjabis that have come to our State from other countries;

(*b*) has it come to the notice of the Government that they (i) maintain accounts in their own languages and (ii) do injustice to people?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—

(*a*) Information not available.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

(ii) No.

Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA.—With reference to answer to (*a*), why is it that information is not available?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—It is not separately shown in the census report. It is classified under different religions.

Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA.—How else are we to know it?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—It is not possible unless figures are collected separately.

Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA.—With reference to answer to (*b*), how are their accounts to be verified?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—We get their accounts examined by duly qualified people when necessary.

Relinquishment of Inam Lands endowed to Sree Prasanna Rameswaraswami Temple in Bommanahalli, Chiknaikanhalli Town.

Q.—22. Messrs. C. PATTABHIRAMA SETTI (Chiknaikanhalli Municipality); and **G. KANCHAPPA** and **Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA** (Chiknaikanhalli Taluk).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) when and under what conditions did they resume Bommenahalli village (in Huliyar Hobli of Chiknaikanhalli Taluk) which was endowed to *Sree Prasanna Rameswaraswami* temple in Chiknaikanhalli Town;

(*b*) are they aware that the temple derives no income from the few *banjar* lands left in the possession of the temple;

(*c*) are they aware that the *Dharmadarsis* of the temple have been asking for the restoration of cultivable lands to the temple authorities;

(*d*) are they aware that the temple derives no income from any other source?